

on constitutional topics. The students' testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the judges who probe their depth of understanding and ability to apply their knowledge.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People . . . program has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle and high school levels for more than 26.5 million students nationwide. The program affords students a working knowledge of our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the principles of democratic government.

It is inspiring to see these young people advocate the principles of our government, particularly in the aftermath of the tragedy on September 11. These principles identify us as a people and bind us together as a Nation. It is important for our next generation to understand the values and principles that serve as the foundation in our ongoing effort to preserve and realize the promise of democracy.

These students from Lake Forest High School are currently conducting research and preparing for their upcoming participation in the national competition in Washington, DC. I wish these young "constitutional experts" the best of luck at the We the People . . . national finals. They represent the future of our State and Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO MARY CATHERINE MORIN

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mary Catherine Morin of Bedford. Mary was crowned this year's Miss New Hampshire and will compete for the Miss America title in September.

I applaud the dedication that Mary has shown in her platform as Miss New Hampshire. Her focus on the elderly and dedication to their needs and concerns serves as a positive example for all Granite Staters. Starting in her days of Girl Scouting, Mary has been an advocate for Seniors. By volunteering at Harborside Healthcare in Bedford and serving on the public relations committee for the Manchester Area Committee on Aging, Mary has been a positive example to the community, adding to her already deep devotion to our senior citizens.

Mary received her bachelors degree in Communications from the University of New Hampshire and now plans to pursue a Master's Degree in mass communication, with the ultimate goal of becoming a reporter for a major television network. Her experience at WMUR Channel 9 as well as working for Marie Claire magazine will certainly be an asset as she spends her year as Miss New Hampshire.

I commend Mary on her achievement and wish her continued success in the coming year. New Hampshire will be represented at the Miss America pageant and her message will reach even more people. Her dedication to our Na-

tion's seniors is exemplary and should serve as the benchmark for today's youth. It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

OXNARD HARBOR DISTRICT'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, the Oxnard Harbor District's Annual National Maritime Day Celebration will be particularly special this year, as the event will also recognize the district's 65th Anniversary on May 10, 2002.

Created in 1937, the Oxnard Harbor District owns and operates the Port of Hueneme, located in Ventura County, CA. The port greatly contributes to the economic success of California and the Nation. More than \$4 billion worth of cargo moves through the port each year. In addition, the Port of Hueneme is the Nation's number one seaport for exporting citrus products and conducts business with countries including Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Germany and Japan. The Oxnard Harbor District has every reason to be proud of its outstanding accomplishments and contributions to our nation's great maritime heritage.

To help recognize the district's long history, this year's event will feature the SS *Lane Victory*, one of America's last remaining World War II Victory ships, and a National Historic Landmark. It loaded its first cargo consignment in Port Hueneme in July 1945.

To conclude, I would like to add a special word of commendation to the International Mariners Center, whose unwavering and unparalleled support has been instrumental to the Oxnard Harbor District's success.

I thank the Oxnard Harbor District for their many contributions to the community, state and Nation, and wish the staff many more years of prosperity.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REVEREND DR. S. HOWARD WOODSON, JR.

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Madam President, I rise today to acknowledge the Reverend Dr. S. Howard Woodson, Jr., after whom Calhoun St. in Trenton is being renamed.

It has been an honor for the State of New Jersey to have the service of an individual with the immense talents of the Reverend Woodson. In his efforts to serve the community, Reverend Woodson has used his leadership skills to effect positive change throughout the State.

After moving to Trenton in 1946 and becoming pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, the Reverend Woodson became actively involved in the civil rights movement. As Chairman of the segregated board of the Carver YMCA, he fought to be granted independent status by the National YMCA, which led to the establishment of its own branch, freeing it from the supervision of the central office. This was a first for the

Nation. During his time as President of the State Conference of the NAACP, he convinced then Governor Richard Hughes to convene the first state-wide conference on housing discrimination, out of which grew important minority housing legislation. Over the course of his political career, the Reverend Woodson had the distinction of being the first person of color elected as councilman-at-large in Trenton. He was also the first person of color to serve as Chairman of the Ranking Legislative Committee, Assistant Democratic Leader, and Speaker of the State House.

But, the impact of the Reverend Woodson extends beyond his work in the areas of civil rights and politics. Through his leadership, Shiloh Baptist Church was able to erect a new center of worship and began numerous community outreach programs such as the Clean Neighborhood Drive and a Neighborhood Get Acquainted program.

I am proud to extend my congratulations to the Reverend Woodson on this special occasion.●

IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR ZAFRA MARGOLIN LERMAN

● Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I rise today to honor a woman who for nearly a quarter century has brought the joys of science to thousands of students in Chicago and who through every one of those years has given of herself tirelessly to ensure that anyone who sets foot in her classroom can succeed.

Zafra M. Lerman is no ordinary science teacher, and she has led no ordinary life. Born in Israel just before the second World War began, the young Zafra found high school chemistry a bore. It wasn't until she was a soldier in the Israeli Army and taking evening classes that she discovered her aptitude—and love—for the subject. Zafra went on to earn a doctorate in chemistry from Israel's renowned Weizmann Institute of Science and then did post-doctoral research at Cornell University in New York.

As remarkable as these achievements are, they are really only the beginning of a career that—though certainly filled with personal accolades—is most notable for the success of those she has guided. "Equal access to science education is a right that belongs to all," she says, and she has lived by that axiom both professionally and personally. As a professor, scientist and friend, Zafra has been a mentor first and a chemistry teacher second.

In 1977, Zafra Lerman became the very first professor of science at Columbia College in Chicago, a liberal arts college that at the time didn't even have a single science course. Her first course, Chemistry in Daily Life, was filled with artists and writers and historians who hadn't the first thought of majoring in science. One day near the beginning of the school year, Zafra took a group of students to a pub at